

MINUTES

Dentist/Dental Hygienists Licensing Board

August 16, 2006

Room 474, formerly 4A and

Room 475, formerly 4B

160 E 300 S Heber Wells Bldg

Salt Lake City Utah

Convened: 8:17 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:43 p.m.

Division Staff Present:

Division Director

Bureau Manager

Board Secretary

J. Craig Jackson

Daniel T. Jones

Lee Avery

Members Present:

Brian Lundberg, DDS, Chairperson

Anna Policelli RDH,

Karen Bateman, RDH

James Ence, DDS

Stephen Morgan, DDS

Alexander Larsen, DDS

Brent Larson, DDS

Pamela Jolley

Members Excused:

Joseph Mirci, DDS

Guests Present:

Richard C. Engar, DDS

Monte Thompson, DDS

Douglass Grassi, DDS

Todd Thompson

Derek Evans

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Minutes

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes for June 16, 2006 were reviewed.

Dr. Brent Larson motioned to accept with changes, seconded by Ms. Policelli. The motion carried unanimously.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion:

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Jones gave the Board a synopsis of Dr. Myers history for its review. Mr. Jones advised the Board Dr. Myers and Dr. Poulter have asked to meet with it regarding reinstatement of their licenses.

Appointments:

Dr. John Myers, reinstatement of his license.

Dr. Myers presented himself to the Board with his attorney Hal Raiser. Dr. Myers gave the Board an online printout of the Western Regional Examining Board Exam (WREB). Dr. Myers gave the Board copies of his continuing education (CE's), noting he now has completed sixty five (65) hours. Dr. Myers stated he talked with Dr. Powell, of the University of Utah Residency Program, regarding attending some dental seminars once or twice a month. The seminars are developed for the residents however they are open to anyone in the dental profession. Dr. Myers advised the Board he attends three (3) Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings a week and attends After Care on Thursdays. Dr. Myers stated he has a two (2) year commitment to After Care. Dr. Myers stated he has developed his support system and this has been very helpful. Dr. Myers advised the Board he has assisted at Donated Dental and has signed up for the urine analysis (UA)'s through the Division. Dr. Myers stated he plans to work with Dr. Goodman once his license is reinstated. Dr. Myers stated he is not interested in reinstating his controlled substance license. The Board noted Dr. Myers did a good job with his continuing education however, encouraged him to obtain some continuing education basic dentistry.

The Board asked Dr. Myers to have the following in place when he meets with it again.

1. Have a detailed practice plan.
2. Have a detailed life plan.
3. Have a supervising dentist.

The Board asked Dr. Myers to submit a written statement indicating he does not want and will not apply for his controlled substance license to be reinstated.

The Board briefly talked about the contents of Dr. Myers Memorandum of Understanding to include:

1. One thousand (1,000) hours of direct supervision
2. Five hundred (500) hours of indirect supervision
3. Five hundred (500) hours of reviewing cases once a week.
4. Probation will be for five (5) years.

Dr. Ence motioned to have the MOU ready for Board review at the September meeting, seconded by Ms. Policelli. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. John Poulter, Request for
Reinstatement of his License

Dr. Poulter presented himself to the Board. Dr. Poulter reviewed with the Board his problem with addiction and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) taking his DEA license. Dr. Poulter advised the Board he surrendered his Utah Dental license with a stipulated agreement he could not apply for reinstatement for one (1) year. Dr. Poulter stated the revocation of his license happened August 2005. Dr. Poulter advised the Board he would like to get back into general dentistry and wanted to know if the Board felt this would be possible. The Board talked with Dr. Poulter about his addiction history in detail. Dr. Poulter stated he started abusing drugs in 2001. He had initially started in the Division Diversion program and relapsed. The Board advised Dr. Poulter it wanted to see a track record of sobriety. He will need to voluntarily submit evidence of attending Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings, drug screens, counselor reports and his continuing education (CE's). The Board stated it could not give any guarantees, however, the odds are in his favor, if he established a track record first. The Board encouraged Dr. Poulter to obtain his continuing education from a variety of sources and to include basic dentistry.

Dr. Paul Lingenbrink, Exam
Consideration

Dr. Lingenbrink presented himself to the Board. Dr. Lingenbrink advised the Board he completed Dental School from the University of Washington in 1992. He passed the Washington State at that time. Dr. Lingenbrink advised the Board he felt the exam he passed in Washington in 1992 was equivalent to the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) that Utah required at that time and asked the Board to consider accepting this exam as equivalent without him having to obtain a psychometric report. Dr. Lingenbrink stated he did not want to jump through the psychometric hoop because of the cost of this report and the financial burden it will have on his family.

The Board discussed the Washington State exam and the WREB in detail noting the Washington Board reviewed WREB exam and decided they would adopt the WREB exam only because it was so close to their own. After further discussion, Dr. Alex Larsen motioned to accept the Washington exam in 1992 as an equivalent exam, seconded by Ms. Bateman. After a brief discussion the motion carried with one opposed.

The Board noted in the past it has accepted California, Texas, Idaho and Hawaii's State exams.

The Board took a brief break at 10:08 and moved to their respective committee.

Committee I

Dr. John Israelsen, Probation Interview

Dr. Israelsen was unable to keep his appointment with the Board.

Dr. Kenneth Palmer, Probation Interview

Dr. Palmer presented himself to the Board. Ms. Policelli conducted the interview. Dr. Palmer brought in copies of his continuing education (CE) and meeting cards for Professionals in Recovery (PIR) for the Boards review.

Dr. Palmer advised the Board he is doing fine and looking forward to moving on when his probation ends October 16, 2006. The Board advised Dr. Palmer he is doing a fantastic job of staying on track and encouraged Dr. Palmer to continue with his support group. The Board decided it did not need to meet with Dr. Palmer again before his probation ends.

In Compliance

Mr. David Castleton, RDH, Probation Interview

Mr. Castleton presented himself to the Board. Dr. Ence conducted the interview. Mr. Castleton advised the Board he has not been working in dental hygiene since May 2006. He has been working in construction and things were going well. The Board advised Mr. Castleton it has still not received information from the courts showing his criminal probation has ended. The Board advised Mr. Castleton if he has not been working in dental hygiene for over sixty (60) days, his probation is frozen until he starts working in dental hygiene again. The Board also noted it has not received an evaluation from his dental hygiene employer. The Board advised Mr. Castleton he needs to submit a letter to the Board stating he is not working in dental hygiene and contact his previous employer for an employee report. The Board encouraged Mr. Castleton to review his stipulation and to contact Mr. Jones with any questions. The Board asked to see Mr. Castleton in November 2006.

Not in Compliance

Dr. Sage White, Probation Interview

Dr. Sage White presented himself to the Board. Dr. Brent Larsen conducted the interview. The Board was given the files from Investigations to review. Dr. White advised the Board he has closed the door on his sleep center however, he does occasionally lecture on sleep disorders.

The Board talked with Dr. White in detail and reviewed the files he brought with him. Dr. White noted some of the cases the Board reviewed are from when he first purchased the practice. The Board noted there are multiple complaints against Dr. White. The Board advised Dr. White there is a lot of controversy about his treatments and it wants to see him in harmony with industry standards. The Board encouraged Dr. White to be very conservative in his practice, avoid controversial treatments, to get back to the basics and to refer patients when needed. The Board encouraged Dr. White to meet with his peers and work on building a positive relationship with them. The Board also noted a person can learn a lot from their peers. The Board suggested Dr. White to encourage his patients to obtain a second opinion when or if they seem to feel uncomfortable about his recommendation for a treatment plan. The Board also suggested Dr. White give a doctor, a courtesy call when Dr. White is advised by a patient they are unhappy about the work that doctor completed and encourage the patient to allow the initial doctor to fix the problem.

The Board expressed concern regarding the work noted in the records for Mr. Michael Shift as being unacceptable for long term. Dr. White stated he has moved out of his area and has relocated in the Saint George area. Dr. Ence asked Dr. White to contact Mr. Schieff and have him contact Dr. Ence for additional x-rays at no charge. Dr. White stated he will contact Mr. Schieff. The Board asked Dr. White to bring the following to his next meeting with it:

1. 1.Mr. Schieff's file and current panoramic X-ray.
2. Record showing the patients referred
3. Six (6) cases.
4. Additional finished cases with 2nd molar extractions.
5. More cosmetic cases including treatment plan.
6. Sleep disorder cases.

The Board asked to see Dr. White in November 2006. **In Compliance**

Committee II

Dr. Bret Tucker, Probation Interview

Dr. Tucker failed to keep his appointment with the Board. **Not in Compliance**

Dr. Perry Fifield, Probation Interview

Dr. Fifield presented himself to the Board with his attorney Hal Raiser. Ms. Jolley conducted the interview. Dr. Fifield brought the requested triplicate prescription records, patient logs of work completed. Dr. Fifield advised the Board sometimes he works six (6) days a week and attends Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings one or two times a week. Dr. Fifield stated he was living with his mother until she passed away this last week. He will now be moving into his new home. Dr. Fifield advised the Board he will be attending an ethics class in the next week or two. The Board asked to see Dr. Fifield in November 2006. **In Compliance**

Dr. Richard Hadlock, Probation Interview

Dr. Hadlock presented himself to the Board. Dr. Alex Larson conducted the interview. Dr. Hadlock is not working in the profession at this time because of his probationary status. After talking with Dr. Hadlock the Board may consider releasing him from probation if he remains in compliance. The Board asked to see Dr. Hadlock in November 2006. **In Compliance**

S. Brad Carroll, RDH, Probation Interview

Mr. Carroll presented himself to the Board. Ms. Bateman conducted the interview. Mr. Carroll brought exit papers from his therapist and has completed all requirements. He is currently working three (3) days a week and would like to increase this. Mr. Carroll requested the Board would consider releasing him from probation in March 2007, his two (2) year review. See in March 2007. **In Compliance**

Re-convened to full Board at 12:06

Dr. Jeremy Ludlow, Application Review

Dr. Ludlow presented himself to the Board. Mr. Jones advised the Board that Dr. Ludlow's Utah License has already been issued. He passed all of the required exams and submitted transcripts showing his degree earned, however, there was a problem in the Dental School.

Dr. Ludlow advised the Board he is on probation with the school for violation the honor code. Dr. Ludlow stated he has been advised by a student they could alter the computer files using a temporary instructor's access code and Dr. Ludlow failed to bring it to the Administrators attention. Dr. Ludlow advised the Board the school handled this as an internal matter and the students involved were given 1500 hours of community service to be completed in five (5) years. The Board talked with Dr. Ludlow in detail. Dr. Ludlow advised the Board the school had not set up a way of monitoring the community service. The Board gave Dr. Ludlow numerous suggestions to complete the community service i.e. contact the Utah Dental Association, the non-profit clinics and some of the local religious leaders. The Board also suggested when he documents the work, he adds a dollar figure to the services completed. After discussing this further, Ms. Bateman motioned Dr. Ludlow submit his community service hours into the Board for tracking, Dr. Morgan amended the motion to include Dr. Morgan report to the Board once a year with his progress. Ms. Policelli seconded the motion with the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Ludlow stated he was unable to work for three (3) months and has already completed close to four hundred (400) hours. Mr. Jones asked him to forward this information to him. The Board asked to see Dr. Ludlow in August 2007.

Dr. James Hobbs, Renewal Application
Review

Dr. Ence advised the Board he talked with Dr. Hobbs about his license and the required continuing education. Dr. Ence stated Dr. Hobbs is 91 years old, retired and legally blind, however, he does not want to give up his dental license. Dr. Hobbs is unable to work and does not want to work, he is just not ready to give up his license. The Board briefly discussed the possibility of an emeritus status license being issued. Mr. Jones stated at this time Utah Statutes do not allow for this. Dr. Ence motioned to waive the continuing education requirement for Dr. Hobbs, seconded by Dr. Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Letter from the Louisiana State Board of
Dentistry

Mr. Jones advised the Board the Division has received a letter from the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry stating they are now going to accept the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) exam. This is for the Board's information.

ADA Convention – Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board the ADA convention is in Las Vegas Nevada this year.

Scheduled Board Meetings for 2006
September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15.

The Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2006.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Dentist Dental Hygienist Licensing
Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational &
Professional Licensing